

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Harold Eaton.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 Board meeting;
- (2) To authorize checks being written as needed in the holding account;
- (3) To declare Thanksgiving holidays on November 28, 2013 and November 29, 2013;
- (4) To declare Christmas holidays on December 24, 2013 and December 25, 2013.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open the bids received for financing the rescue tools. Bancorp South bid 2.21% ,for five (5) years, with no penalties for early payoff. Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development Districts bid 2.0 % for five (5) years, with no penalties for early payoff. Alderman Williams made to approve the bid of the Northeast Planning and Development, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the contract with Unifirst. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on Trudy Featherson with the Main Street Association giving an update on the

activities in Booneville.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Wendall Yates with the Gas & Water Department, to purchase a F150 truck, from Watson Quality Ford at the State contract price of \$18,500.00, plus an \$8,000.00 natural gas conversion kit, for a total of \$26,500.00. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the gas rate at \$11.60 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase the remaining inventory of Tidwell Construction Company. The purchase price would be for \$20,000.00, and the City would be receiving roughly \$36,000.00 to \$38,000.00 worth of inventory. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send Gary Coats to attend the BOAM Training Event, from December 11- December 13, 2013, with the costs to include registration, lodging, meals, and gas card, for approximately \$460.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a camera for the patrol car recently purchased, with the price being \$4,700.00. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve sending Josh Davis to the Handgun/Shotgun Instructor Course at Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy, in Moorehead, Mississippi, from December 1-December 6, 2013. The cost would be \$575.00, which includes all materials, lodging, and meals. The City would have to provide fuel card for travel. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve posting for two (2) part-time police officers, who must have at least already be part-time certified with the Mississippi Board of Minimum

Standards and Training. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the Magnolia Crafty Ladies to rent the Hardware Building on December 14, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., for \$25.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad in Daily Journal at \$100, congratulating the Booneville Band. Said ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Michael made a motion to come back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter was discussed.

There next came on for consideration, the request to pay Gary Coats, retroactive back pay for two (2) weeks, in the amount of \$3.00 per hour, in addition to what his normal rate of pay would be. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Tom Sanders, as an emergency temporary replacement of Ronnie Johnson, at \$19.42 per hour. Said motion was made by Alderman Michael, seconded by Alderman McCoy and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of three (3) against and two (for), the motion failed.

Next, Alderman Eaton made a motion to hire Tom Sanders, as an emergency temporary replacement of Ronnie Johnson, at the rate of \$17.50 per hour. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Michael "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to rescind the earlier motion made at the last Board meeting requesting to post for a temporary replacement of Ronnie Johnson's position. Mayor Blythe requested that we go ahead and post for the full time position and take applications toward filling that position on a full time basis. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Mayor's report. The Mayor reported the following:

- (1) Mayor Blythe thanked Michael Fordori for donating \$500.00 for the recent Frisbee Disc Golf Tournament;
- (2) He reported the drainage problems at Fire Station #2, and that corrective actions were being taken and those would be repaired soon;
- (3) He reported that he had decided to sign a health care agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield, because it would save the City about 5% on premiums, based on the requirements of Obama Care.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK